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Lake County Library System

# Festival of Reading

April 1 - 8, 2006

*Lake County Library System libraries are hosting authors,  
musicians, dancers, poets, and storytellers.  
All events listed are FREE to the public unless otherwise  
indicated.*



## Wooten Park, Tavares Opening Event

*Saturday, April 1* 



**10:00 a.m.** Performance by the **Tavares High School Jazz Band** under the direction of Alan Venezia.

**11:15 a.m. Bookmark Design Contest Winners Awards Ceremony.** The 7th annual Lake County Library System bookmark contest winning designs will be available at the event. Artists may be signing copies of their designs after the ceremony.

**11:45 a.m.** Lake County **All Volunteer Cookbook Awards.** A sample of the award winning dessert recipe will be available in the pavilion.

**12:30 p.m. Jeremy Evans,** Junior Storytelling Champ for Florida and winner of the Junior Storytelling Olympics.

**1:00 p.m.** Performance by the **Tavares Middle School Jazz Ensemble** under the direction of Tina Laferriere.

**2:00 p.m. Eustis High School Drama Club** under the direction of Stuart Klatte will present a stellar performance for families!

### Displays

**"Books are Fun" Fair** The Reader's Digest Company offers high quality books that educate, inspire and teach at up to 70% off retail.

**Lake County Library Services** will offer free library cards to residents. Sign up for your local library! Family Literacy information will be available.

**Lake Eustis Museum of Art** will present art and activities for children.

**The Villages Art Association** will showcase works of art from local artists.

### Activities

**Dragon Boat** rides sponsored by the City of Tavares will be offered free. A parental waiver is required for youth under 18.

**Just For Teens!** Join artist Thom Mazak for **Manga** illustration demonstration and participation. Take home your original art.

**Collector's Dream** now at 122 Alfred Street in Tavares will display graphic novels especially for teens.

**Fire Rescue Safety Trailer** The Lake County Fire Rescue Division offers a variety of educational activities to inform the public



her husband, daughter and cat. She is currently working on the next book in the series. Her passion is fantasy art.

### Lynn Sholes

As a native Floridian, Lynn Sholes (*The Grail Conspiracy*) was intrigued by the prehistoric people of South Florida. She worked with the Broward County Archaeological Society helping salvage ancient Indian sites before their destruction and petitioning for preservation of sites. These activities birthed the seed ideas of her first six novels, writing as **Lynn Armistead McKee**. Lynn has a B.S. in education from East Carolina University. Currently, she is a member of Mystery Writers of America, Florida Writers Association, the International Thriller Writers, and The Authors Guild.



### Sarah Strohmeier



*Bubbles Betrothed* has been nominated for Best Amateur Sleuth Award to be awarded at the *Romantic Times' Annual Booklovers Convention* in May! "This is wicked, frothy fun... Life may be steamy in the metropolis, but it's just as bawdy in the burbs." – *Publisher's Weekly*.

*The Secret Lives of Fortunate Wives* her latest is a "frothy tale of love, lust and lies in Hunting Hills, Ohio." – *Kirkus*

"The mordantly observant Strohmeier skewers the lifestyles of the rich and fatuous with spot-on irony, painting her pretentious socialites with broad, sarcastic strokes in an uproarious, upscale, tongue-in-cheek tour de force." – *Booklist*



### Lynn Wallace

Lynn Wallace received an MA in English-Fiction Writing from the Pennsylvania State University and was awarded a Fulbright to Costa Rica. Excerpts from a memoir were translated into Spanish and published in the literary supplement of *La Nación*. Most recently, some of his poems have appeared in the Atlanta Review. The novel *Los Caminantes*, received an award at the Florida First Coast Writers' Festival. He has served on and been reappointed to the fellowship grant review panel for the Division of Cultural Affairs of Florida.



*Lake County Libraries thank these wonderful authors for sharing with our community!*

### Joe Moore



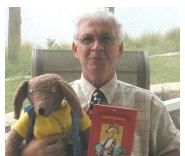
Joe Moore is a marketing executive with 25 years experience in the television postproduction industry. As a senior audio engineer, he received two regional Emmy awards for individual achievement in audio mixing for ABC and PBS television specials. He has written articles for national and international trade magazines and has reviewed fiction for the Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, the Florida Times Union, and the Tampa Tribune. Joe's first novel, *Dire Straits*, is published by SynergEbooks Publishing. He and Lynn Sholes are currently working on their next thriller, *The Last Secret*.

### Bob Morris



Lake County Native Bob Morris worked at a number of Florida newspapers, including the *Florida Keys Free Press*, the *Fort Myers News-Press* and the *Orlando Sentinel*. He created and launched *AQUA*, a California based international travel magazine for watersports enthusiasts and upon returning to Florida served as editor in chief of *Caribbean Travel & Life* magazine and *Gulfshore Life* magazine. Now a freelance writer and editor, Morris continues to travel widely and contributes to a number of publications, including *National Geographic Traveler*, *Bon Appetit*, *Islands*, *Robb Report*, *Latitudes* and *Men's Fitness*. These travels have inspired his recent series of mystery novels from St. Martin's Press, each of which takes place on a different Caribbean island. The third book in the series, *Bermuda Schwartz*, is scheduled for release in 2006.

### Mark Newhouse



For our young readers, *The Rockhound Science Mysteries*, a series of 3 award winning books, by Mark H. Newhouse have been selected for our *Lake County Reads!* project. Mr. Newhouse is the author of numerous other stories, articles and educational materials. Have fun with Rockhound the dog detective who solves mysteries using his knowledge of science.

### Kristin Renner



Our teens will be reading *Quest of the Century* by local author Kristen Renner as the *Lake County Reads!* selection. Kristin graduated from Mount Dora High School in 2001 and served in the Air Force for 4 years. She currently resides in Wyoming with

about fire prevention. Each month, the Fire Rescue Safety Trailer, donated by the Mount Dora Kiwanis Club, travels throughout the County providing safety tips. Sponsored by the Lake County Department of Public Safety.

**The Big Blue Bus** is a great resource for parents, guardians and child care providers. It is sponsored by the Early Learning Coalition of Lake County.



**Caring Canines** Meet therapy dogs and come prepared to practice your reading skills by reading to them. These dogs are guaranteed to enjoy your stories.

**PAWS** (Pets as Willing Servants) Meet more wonderful therapy dogs and come prepared to practice your reading skills.

**Ident-a-Kid** is a "Parent Option Program" The driver's license-sized card contains a complete physical description of the child including a professional, full-color photograph and a fingerprint.

**Face painting** for children will be offered FREE. Artist Deb Cole is sponsored by the City of Tavares Public Library.

**Lake County Library System Children's Librarians** will offer "make it and take it" craft activities throughout the day. Check the booth for schedule.

**Free popcorn** will be available at 2 library displays!

**Food** will be available for purchase from the Shiloh Baptist Church booth.

## Authors appearing

### Mystery Authors

- 12:00 Paul McElroy
- 12:30 Michael Lister
- 1:00 Nancy Martin
- 1:30 Sarah Strohmeyer
- 2:00 Susan McBride
- 2:30 Bob Morris
- Terry Lewis
- Lynn Wallace

### Florida History Authors

11:00 William H. Good

### Teen Author

11:30 Kristin Renner

Children's Author (located in youth area)

10-3 Mark Newhouse

*Authors will be selling and signing their books between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., the times indicated will be for their presentation on the author stage. (see author information pp. 10-15)*

## Saturday, April 1

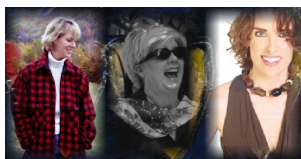
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday the Friends of the Leesburg Public Library will hold their Book Sale at the Cultural Arts Building in Venetian Gardens. Member Preview will be March 31st from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Umatilla Public Library Quilt Show featuring unique works by students from the quilting classes and local artists. The show will begin Friday, March 31.



7:30 p.m. An Evening with Janis Ian in the Mount Dora Community Building sponsored by the Mount Dora Library Association. *Rolling Stone* once stated, "Before there was Jewel, there was Janis Ian." It is an apt portrayal of an artist known for her ethereal vocals, poetic wordplay, and sublime melodies. Through more than three decades, Ian has managed to keep her music fresh and inspiring, always winning praise for her remarkable songwriting and tender voice. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the W T. Bland Public Library, Uncle Al's Time Capsule and the Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce.

## Sunday, April 2



2:00 p.m. **The Book Tarts** will hold an exciting look at the mysteries of the writing life. The Book Tarts include authors **Susan McBride** *The Lone Star Lonely Hearts Club*, *The Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, *Blue Blood*; **Sarah Strohmeyer**, *The Secret Lives of Fortunate Wives*, *Bubbles Betrothed*, *Bubbles ABroad*, *Bubbles Ablaze*, *Bubbles in Trouble* and *Bubbles Unbound*; and **Nancy Martin** *Have Your Cake and Kill Him Too*, *Cross Your Heart and Hope to Die*, *Some Like It Lethal*, *Dead Girls Don't Wear Diamonds*, and *How to Murder a Millionaire*. This event is free but tickets are required and are available at the W. T. Bland Public Library.

2:00 p.m. **Ballet Folklorico** in the Tavares Civic Center. The customs of Puerto Rico are brought to life through amazing colorful costumes, song, dance and music. \*Funded in part by *The Florida Humanities Council*.

Her first mystery, *How To Murder a Millionaire* was published in October 2002 and launched the Blackbird Sisters Mystery Series. *Cross Your Heart and Hope to Die*, the 4th and most recent book, was published in hardcover in March, 2005.

### Susan McBride



Susan has a Journalism degree from the University of Kansas, but always dreamed of making up stories rather than reporting them. The idea for the Debutante Dropout series came from her memories of pledging Pi Beta Phi at the University of Texas in Austin and watching the Dallas debutantes practice their curtsies in study hall. Susan lived in Texas for 20 years before moving to St. Louis in 1996, so she claims to have the Lone Star State tattooed on her heart, right beside the Gateway Arch. Susan's first novel, *And Then She Was Gone* was a finalist in the St. Martin's Press contest and won the National Writers Association's Best Novel Contest.



### Paul McElroy

Paul is president of Charter Industry Services, Inc. headquartered in Stuart, Florida. He founded Charter Industry magazine, a trade journal for professionals in the marine charter industry, in 1985. He has extensive writing experience in magazines and newspapers with more than one hundred published articles to his credit. Paul is a member of the Mystery Writers of America and the National Association of Maritime Educators. He is the popular author of the Treasure Coast Mystery series including the latest *Treasure Coast Archipelago* and *Spirit Chaser*.



### Wendy Howell Mills

Ms. Mills grew up in Virginia and moved to the Outer Banks of North Carolina with her husband right after graduating from college with an English degree, with every intention of finding a "real" job. She ended up in the restaurant business and writing books and hasn't looked back. She is the author of the Callie McKinley Outer Banks Mystery Series: *Death of a Mermaid* and *Callie and the Dealer and a Dog named Jake*. Her latest, *Island Intrigue* is a departure from the series. She is a member of Mystery Writers of America and Sisters in Crime, a faithful attendee of Malice Domestic, and a compulsive reader of "DorothyL".



tled *A Cracker Collection of Short Stories about Natural Florida*. His works promote environmental education and responsible and sustainable development and growth that extol the beauty and majesty of Florida's heritage and Natural environment.

### Bob Grenier



Bob is actively involved in the historical community, and belongs to several societies, including the North Lake County Civil War Roundtable, the 17th Connecticut Reenactors, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Pejepscot Historical Society in Brunswick, Maine, home of Civil War hero General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. His book *Florida's Forgotten Pioneer: The Gallant Captain Melton Haynes* tells the story of a man who was beloved and respected by those who knew him.

### Terry Lewis



Terry Lewis, a native of North Florida and a trial judge since 1988, knows his legal and geographical territory, and his taut courtroom procedurals ring with authenticity. Both *Conflict of Interest* (1997) and *Privileged Information* (2003) are set in Tallahassee and feature unlikely law partners, Paul Morganstein and Ted Stevens. He is hard at work on his third novel. Terry lives in Tallahassee with his wife Fran and their cat, Buffy.

### Michael Lister



After a seven-year stint in the Florida State Prison System, Michael Lister was paroled and began to put pen to paper. The result was gun lit set in the Sunshine State—Florida Noir. His first two noir stories are featured in the anthology North Florida Noir, which he edited. His first noir novel, *The Big Goodbye* features PI Jimmy "Soldier" Riley, a young knight errant who walks the wartime streets of Panama City, Florida, wounded and woman-haunted. Michael Lister is also the author of a series of mysteries featuring ex-cop turned prison chaplain, John Jordan, *Power in the Blood, Blood of the Lamb, The Body and the Blood*, and writes a monthly crime fiction column titled Sunshine and Crime.

### Nancy Martin



Nancy Martin has made a career out of romance, but now she's turning to murder. As an author of romance novels, Martin has been published in 19 languages around the world and has appeared on bestsellers lists in the US and Canada. But after 38 love stories, she has turned to her real passion—murder mysteries.

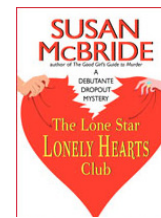
2:00 p.m. The Leesburg Public Library will host **J.D. Sutton** portraying Colonial-era naturalist, **William Bartram**. The program will include tales of Bartram's historical exploration of Florida, his adventures with native tribes, and his awe at the natural beauty of the area. J.D. Sutton appears as part of the Roads Scholars Program of *The Florida Humanities Council*.

*Monday, April 3*

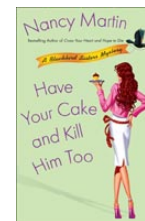


2:00 p.m. A *Deadly Tea* at the W. T. Bland Public Library will feature a panel of authors from the **Mystery Writers of America** including **Michael Lister, Lynn Wallace, Terry Lewis, Mary Anna Evans, and Wendy Howell Mills**. Writing the mystery novel will be discussed. Refreshments are complimentary.

4:00 p.m. **Kristin Renner** will discuss her book *Quest of the Century* at the Paisley County Library. In her book, Ogras is a world which has come under an evil influence by a power hungry mage with one thing on his mind: domination. One girl with a powerful gift stands in his way. With the help of two newly made friends, she finds out what is truly important and learns a little about herself. Refreshments sponsored by the Teen Friends.

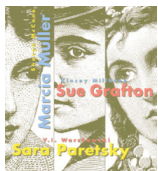


5:30 p.m. *Coffeehouse Caper* at the Tavares Civic Center. **Susan McBride** is the author of the *Debutante Dropout Mysteries* from HarperCollins/Avon, which features Andrea "Andy" Kendricks—a 30-year-old Dallas web designer, reluctant heiress and deb ball refugee—and her dyed-in-the-wool Chanel-wearing socialite mother Cissy. The debut, *Blue Blood*, won the Lefty Award for Best Humorous Mystery of 2004 and received an Anthony Award nomination for Best Paperback Original. The third and latest in the series is *The Lone Star Lonely Hearts Club*. (with the support of HarperCollins)



7:00 p.m. *Monday Night Murders* at Fruitland Park Library will feature author **Nancy Martin**. Her first mystery, *How to Murder a Millionaire* launched the Blackbird Sisters Mystery Series. *Have Your Cake and Kill Him Too*, the 5th book in the Blackbird Sisters Mystery Series is one of her favorites so far. She is looking forward to busting out of the office and getting on the road to meet readers. She is always eager to meet readers and loves to talk books! Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, April 4



10:00 a.m. The **Women of Mystery** film will be shown at the Fruitland Park Library. Sue Grafton, Sara Paretsky, and Marcia Muller have revolutionized contemporary detective fiction with novels about strong and intelligent private investigators. This is the first film to celebrate the writers who started a literary revolution and, in the process, captured readers' imagination around the world.

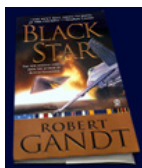
10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. Umatilla Public Library will host a **Local Authors Day**. Meet neighbors and friends who are displaying their published works. Books will be available for sale. Works by deceased authors from this area will also be showcased.

12:00 p.m. **Brown Bag Book Talk** W. T. Bland Public Library will feature the film *A Sense of Place*, a retrospective on the works of Patrick Smith. Selections from his book, *A Land Remembered* will be read.

2:00 p.m. Author **Bob Grenier** will speak on *Florida's Forgotten Pioneer: The Gallant Captain Melton Haynes* at the Lake County Historical Museum. His book will be for sale and he will happily sign it. He will also discuss his new book to be published in early summer about the Woodlea House. A reception will follow the discussion.



6:30 p.m. Author **Robert Gandt** will be speaking on his aviation thrillers at the Paisley Library. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served.



7:00 p.m. Author **Paul McElroy** will present **Self Publishing Success** at the Cooper Memorial Library. Mr. McElroy is the author of 7 Treasure Coast mysteries including *Treasure Coast Jade*, *Treasure Coast Enigma* and the acclaimed *Spirit Chaser*.



7:00 p.m. Author **Michael Lister** will discuss his mystery novel *Blood of the Lamb* and his latest John Jordan novels at the Citrus Ridge County Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



7:00 p.m. **Kristin Renner** will discuss her book *Quest of the Century* at the East Lake County Library.

St. Petersburg, Florida. Nanette is the mother of two children, Anna and Thomas. She and her husband Craig live in Miami.

### Mary Anna Evans

Mary Anna Evans has degrees in physics and engineering, but her heart is in the past. Her series character, Faye Longchamp, lives the exciting life of an archaeologist, and Mary Anna envies her a little. The first Faye Longchamp novel, *Artifacts*, won the Benjamin Franklin award for the best mystery novel published by a small press in 2003. It also won the Florida Historical Society's Patrick D. Smith Florida Literature Award, and it was recognized by the Voice of Young America as an "Adult Mystery with Young Adult Appeal." *Publishers Weekly* quotes "Evans' second archeological mystery *Relics* is every bit as good as her debut, *Artifacts* (2003)...Faye makes a compelling heroine, and she's supported by an interesting array of suspects."



### Marshall Frank

Marshall Frank, 66, is a retired captain from the Metro-Dade Police Department in Miami, Florida, where he spent the majority of his thirty years investigating murders or commanding those who did. His first novel, *Beyond The Call*, addresses the perennial issue of police abuse of power. *Dire Straits: A Miami Novel*, is a high-tension story about a mass murder in a posh Miami subdivision and a stressed out homicide detective who finds himself with a double dose of troubles. *On My Fathers Grave*, a Mafia mystery, and *Call Me Mommy* a story of family dysfunction, addiction and murder, are his latest.



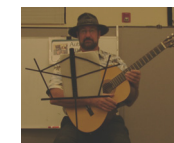
### Robert Gandt

Writing and flying have been the dual passions of Bob Gandt's life. He published his first story at age sixteen - the same year he first soloed an airplane. Since then he has logged something over 25,000 hours, written nine books and published countless articles. Bob's first novel, *With Hostile Intent*, was released by Penguin Putnam in September 2001, followed by *Acts of Vengeance*, *Black Star*, and *Shadows of War*. Stay tuned for the fifth in the series of aviation thrillers, *The Killing Sky*.

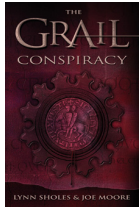


### William H. Good

Mr. Good is the author of *By the Light of the Lighter Pine*, subti-



# Saturday, April 8 Lake County Reads!



6:30 p.m. **Lynn Sholes** and **Joe Moore**, authors of *The Grail Conspiracy*, this year's Lake County Reads selection, will be featured in an **2nd annual Author Dinner: An Evening of Mystery** in the Community Building at Venetian Gardens. "From a newly unearthed crusader's tomb in Iraq to the guarded treasure vaults of the Vatican to a secret genetics lab on the banks of the Mississippi, *The Grail Conspiracy* uncovers a sinister plot of ultimate revenge". The dinner is co-sponsored by the Leesburg Friends of the Library and the Leesburg Public Library. Tickets are \$30.00 which includes 2 complimentary beverages. Tickets are available at the library.

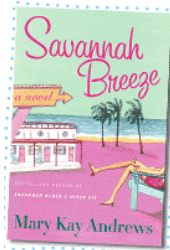


## Authors



### Mary Kay Andrews

Ms. Andrews is a native of St. Petersburg, Florida. She started her professional journalism career in Savannah, Georgia, where she covered the real-life murder trials which were the basis of *Midnight In The Garden of Good and Evil*. She has a B.A. in newspaper journalism from The University of Georgia and is a frequent lecturer and writing teacher at workshops. As a lifelong "junkie" the author claims to know the location of every promising thrift store, flea market and junk pile in the Southeastern United States, plus many parts of Ohio. Her mysteries include *Savannah Blues*, *Little Bitty Lies*, *Hissy Fit* and *Savannah Breeze*. Her books have been nominated for the Edgar, Anthony, Agatha and Macavity Awards. (with the support of HarperCollins)



### Nanette L. Avery

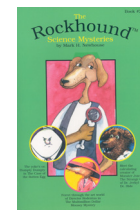
Nanette Avery, author of *Sixty Jars in a Pioneer Town*, is a teacher and writer. Her works have been published in educational journals and magazines. She is the recipient of two literary grants, and most recently presented at the 2005 Florida Literacy Conference in Orlando. Coming up in May 2006 she will be presenting a writing workshop in

# Wednesday, April 5

11:30 a.m. Lake Receptions HarperCollins author **Mary Kay Andrews** will be the featured speaker for the W. T. Bland Public Library 2nd annual **Literary Luncheon** on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Andrews is the author of the New York Times bestselling *Hissy Fit* as well as *Little Bitty Lies* and *Savannah Blues*. She wrote ten critically acclaimed mysteries, including the Callahan Garrity mystery series, under her "real" name, which is Kathy Hogan Trocheck. Her latest novel *Savannah Breeze* will be available in April. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. They are available at the W. T. Bland Public Library and the Mount Dora Chamber of Commerce.

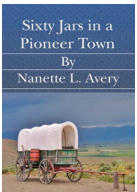


10:30 a.m. **Fruitland Park Mayor Christopher J. Bell** and **County Commissioner Jennifer Hill** will each read a special story for children ages 2-5 at the Fruitland Park Library. A reception will be held afterwards and every child who attends will receive a small gift from the library.



2:30 p.m. **Mark Newhouse**, Lake County Reads author will appear at the Paisley County Library. Free signed copies of a *Rockhound Science Mystery* will be given to all children in attendance.

3:45 p.m. Author **Nanette L. Avery** will appear at the W. T. Bland Public Library for the **American Girls** program. The public is invited to hear Ms. Avery speak on her historical fiction novel, *Sixty Jars in a Pioneer Town*.



4:30 p.m. **Kristin Renner** will appear at the Lady Lake Public Library to discuss the writing of her book *Quest of the Century*. A dragon drawing contest will be held, the winner will receive an original drawing by the author. Refreshments will be served.

7:00 p.m. **Poetry Night** The East Lake County Library will host an open mike event which will feature readings from the annual poetry contest and other local poets. Bring your own poetry, read your favorite poem or just come and listen. Refreshments will be served.



**Thursday, April 6**

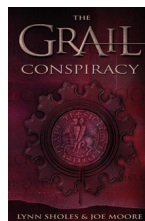


**12:00 p.m. Bob Morris** is featured in this **Brown Bag Book Talk** at the W. T. Bland Public Library. Bob Morris is a fourth-generation Floridian who forsook the family farm — a fernery in Yalaha, to be exact — to pursue a career in journalism. His first book *Bahamarama* was a Finalist in the 2005 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best First Mystery Novel. The third book in the series, *Bermuda Schwartz*, is scheduled for release in 2006.

**11:30 a.m. Kristin Renner** will discuss the writing of her book *Quest of the Century* at Oak Park Middle School. The staff from the Leesburg Public Library will facilitate.

**6:00 p.m.** Astor County Library will be awarding prizes for their mystery writing contest called **Getting Away with Murder**. This program for school age children is sponsored by the Friends of the Astor Library. Two \$50. US savings bonds will be awarded.

**6:30 p.m.** Astor County Library will hold a discussion of the Lake County Reads selection, *The Grail Conspiracy*. Refreshments will be served.



**6:30 p.m. Poetry Café** Lady Lake Public Library invites the public for a special time to meet with people, drink coffee and to share a personal or favorite poem.

**7:30 p.m. Poetry Café** Marion Baysinger Memorial County Library invites anyone wishing to share original or published poetry. Refreshments will be offered.

**Friday, April 7**



**1:00 p.m. Poetry Under the Oaks** W. T. Bland Public Library. Poets from Central Florida and beyond join host **Warner Brown** beneath the oak trees to read for one another and the public. The setting is beautiful and the poetry uncommonly fine. Come and bring a poem to read - or just come and listen.

**Saturday, April 8**



**10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. Bluegrass Festival** at the East Lake County Library. The **Black Water Creek Band, Down Home Cloggers, Sunshine Gospel Travelers, Singer Song-writer Ken Skeens** with **Leigh Goldsmith, Russell Scram** on Hammer Dulcimer and others will appear. Also for the kids there will be Face Painting by **Happy Faces of Orlando** from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.



The Friends of the East Lake Library will also have their annual **Spring Book and Bake Sale** with tons of new books for sale. Also a **community yard sale** will be going on from 10:00 am to 3:00pm. Food and Refreshments will be available for purchase! The festival is FREE to all!



*Bluegrass music*



**10:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. CSI Writes** with author **Marshall Frank** at the W. T. Bland Public Library. Thirty years of law enforcement with a major police agency would provide any retired cop with a tremendous reservoir of experiences from which to tap in order to write any book, fiction or non-fiction. Movie rights to his novel *Dire Straits* have been sold.

**12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Cooper Memorial Library Poetry Café** hosted by **Sandy Simmons**. The event will feature an open mike for local authors to read their works in a library transformed into a coffeehouse setting. Ms. Simmons is the leader of the Cooper Memorial Library Writers Support Group and the *2003 Editor's Award for Poetry* and is the first featured author in the *International Who's Who of Poetry* in 2004.

**2:00 p.m. Writer's Reception** W. T. Bland Public Library will host the presentation of awards to winners in the Eighth Annual Writers Contest. First-place winners will read their works (short stories, stories for children, poetry, nonfiction).